

****FLASH****

This week in Dallas, TX a federal judge struck down that state's infamous 10-year-old homosexual-conduct law. The law, which was a misdemeanor punishable by a \$200 fine, forbade two people of the same sex to engage in private sexual acts.

The ruling in the case, which was filed in November 1979 by a Dallas educator, Don Baker, 35, was issued by U.S. District Judge Jerry

Buchmeyer, who wrote:

"...The right of privacy does extend to private sexual conduct between consenting adults--whether husband and wife, unmarried males and females, or homosexuals--and the right of equal protection condemns a state statute which (like 21.06) prohibits homosexual sodomy, but not heterosexual sodomy, without any rational basis."

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PATLAR GAZETTE

VOICE OF THE GAY WEST

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Nine Day Victory

Victory. That's what the week of August 28 to September 5 will mean for San Francisco this year. Athletes (3,000 of them), coaches, spectators, and friends will gather to celebrate the first Gay Olympics.

That, at least, was the intention of the organizing committee. The U. S. Olympic Committee has other ideas, however. An injunction was recently obtained to prevent the use of the word "Olympic" in connection with the Games. While the decision is being appealed, we may be forced to refer to the Gay Athletic Games. The acronym is unfortunate.

In keeping with the tradition of the Classical Games, the keynote of these games will be co-operation, rather than competition. Athletic excellence is expected--world class athletes are among the organizers and registrants--but the Games are about the community of the world (a dozen nations will be represented), the fellowship of humans, and a celebration of life.

Athletic events, of course, are the main story of the week, and there will be plenty of them. Competition will be held in 17 sports: basketball, rugby (women), soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, bowling, boxing, cycling, golf, marathon, physique, and powerlifting.

A feature of the Games too often missing from big time events will be adequate participation by women. Lesbians and their friends account for fully half of the registrants.



San Francisco wouldn't be The City without its cultural life, and an international program is planned. Ann Turner's Flesh on Glass and Victor Mignatti's Film for Two, 1981 Gold Medal, Chicago International Film Festival, will headline An Evening of Innovative Films on Tuesday. Next evening, Robin Sutherland, recently appointed pianist to the San Francisco Symphony, will present a program of classical music featuring composers like Martin, Ravel, and Brahms. See the schedule for places and times.

You're the reason for the Olympics, and the Games need your support. Registration to participate in the Games themselves closed August 10, but you certainly can attend and cheer them on. If you'd like to do a little bit more, twenty different committees will help you volunteer (call (415)861-0280 or 8282). If all you need is a tax deduction, you can contribute through the San Francisco Tavern Guild Foundation. Make the check payable to that foundation, with a memo that it should be applied to the Games, and the address is: Olympic Headquarters, P.O. Box 14874, 597 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

LESBIAN/GAY LAWYERS

Lesbian and gay lawyers in the Sacramento area are currently establishing an organization. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 1982 at 12:00 noon. The group will meet at 1725 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento.

Plans call for the nomination of two co-chairpersons--one man and one woman--and a secretary/treasurer. Additional information can be obtained from Dorothy Thomson, telephone (916) 442-4642.

OCU

Our Community United (OCU) is working for the creation of a community center for Sacramento's gay and lesbian community.

OCU will begin a major membership campaign this fall. On September 20, 1982, the third Leadership Conference will be held to coordinate fund raising activities by groups and individuals within the community.

Additional information is available from OCU, P.O. Box 161784, Sacramento, CA 95816.

FOCUS

FOCUS 5, the fifth annual feminist lecture series sponsored by the Sacramento Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women, will begin on Saturday, September 18. CAROL BRUCH, professor of law at UC Davis has entitled her presentation, "Of Work, Family Wealth and Equality."

Subsequent lectures in the series include: DEL MARTIN, author of Battered Wives, speaking on "The Battle of the Sexes: It's Time We Called a Truce" on Saturday, October 2; ELLEN GOODMAN, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the Boston Globe, speaking on "Can We Have it All?" on Friday, November 12; and SHEILA LEVRANT DE BRETTEVILLE, artist and founding mother of the Los Angeles Woman's Building, addressing the topic "Feminism, Art and Private Enterprise" on December 4.

With the exception of Ellen Goodman, all FOCUS 5 lectures will begin at 10:30 am in the Redwood Room in the University Union at California State University, Sacramento. Ms. Goodman's presentation is scheduled for 7:30 pm in the Yolo Room at the Sacramento Community/Convention Center at 13th and K. This lecture is co-sponsored by The Sacramento Bee, which carries Goodman's columns, and Sacramento Savings and Loan.

Both lecture locations are wheelchair accessible and all lectures will be signed for the hearing impaired. Tickets for the complete series are available for \$20 from FOCUS 5, P.O. Box 1404, Sacramento, CA 95807, or call (916) 443-3470.

VOICE OF THE GAY WEST

EDITORIAL

The men and women who constitute the gay community are similar to mainstream society in the sense that each is an individual and, therefore, unique and different. Each gay woman and man has different aptitudes, abilities, talents, interests, strengths, and weaknesses just as the members of mainstream society have.

There is only one commonality that unifies gay women and men. They are oriented to same-gender sexual relationships.

But this one feature creates a powerful community of need. Majority society is constructed around the nuclear family. This basic family structure has eroded somewhat as different family arrangements have been increasingly accepted. For example, a recent decision by a New York appeals court held that it is legal for a person to adopt a homosexual lover. The court recognized that the nuclear family is no longer the only model of family life in the United States. The court decision also said that the best description of a family is a continuing relationship of love and care and an assumption of responsibility for another person.

Even more recently, congressional hearings were conducted relative to changing the immigration laws used to exclude foreign gay persons from the United States. Testimony indicated that the laws designed to bar homosexual aliens from this country have proven to be unenforceable to a large extent. There is a growing recognition that where the existing law has been successfully applied, the result has only been individual cases of injustice and family grief caused by legally mandated separation.

However, the nuclear family is the basic unit of mainstream society. A number of mechanisms have developed to promote the establishment, development, and maintenance of the nuclear family. The schools, churches, other family members, and the government all function to generate support for straight relationships.

The women and men of the gay community are excluded from the bonding processes of mainstream society. Yet, they are no less needful of nurturing, supportive relationships. But where are the institutions to promote the establishment and permanence of relationships? We must constantly strive to make our lifestyle understood and accepted by mainstream society. We need to reflect about the need for institutions and assume responsibility for creating them. Nobody else is going to do this for us, nor should we expect them to do so.

Certainly, mainstream society is not particularly concerned with our need for institutions to develop and maintain relationships. The concerns of the nation are presently focused on economic issues. Businesspersons will not invest in capitol improvement until interest levels drop. Buyers and sellers of houses are eager to act, but cannot afford to. Consumers are ready to make important purchases, but are reluctant to spend or buy on credit until they are convinced their jobs are secure. Moreover, there are millions of persons who are out of work and fixed-income families who are vulnerable to any social income maintenance program reductions. Of course, the economic health of the country affects gay women and men since we are a vital part of the fabric of the country.

To date, the relationship mechanisms of the gay community have primarily revolved around the seven B's (bars, baths, beaches, bookstores, bathrooms, bushes, and buddies). Obviously, these systems do serve a purpose or they would not exist. However, it is also obvious that they do not serve all the needs of many gay women and men. The consequence is a feeling of loneliness and isolation in their lives.

In the past several months, Sacramento has

LETTERS

Letter to the Editor:

An interesting item appeared in the Sacramento Bee recently. It related how the computer of ultra conservative Senator H. L. Richardson had difficulty in identifying what type of business the Adolph Coors Co. was in.

The computer needed this information because the Adolph Coors Co. had made a contribution to Senator Richardson's right wing front organization, the Free Market Political Action Committee.

Homophobic Senator John Doolittle is a protégé of H. L. Richardson who was Doolittle's largest financial backer in the 1980 election in which Doolittle defeated Dean of the Senate, Al Rodda.

It is this very same Senator John Doolittle who in the past has said, "There is no Gay Pride, only shame... I'm one who believes Gays and Lesbians don't belong in state service."

Gay people buy Coors beer. Coors gives money to Richardson. Richardson gives money to Doolittle. Doolittle gives Gays the Shaft.

The whole Coors connection to the Reagan administration via the American Heritage Foundation and other right wing Moral Majority homophobic groups is too big for us to overlook.

It is time once and for all for all Gay people to stop buying Coors beer. It makes absolutely no sense for us to give our money to a company which in turn gives it to our enemies.

Gaycott Coors beer!

Jerry Sloan

EDITORIAL POLICY

The PATLAR GAZETTE is a multi-dimensional publication. It is not merely a gay newspaper serving one city. Rather, it is a bridge between the gay communities located in the cities, towns, and rural areas of the west. It is also a bridge between the gay and straight communities. The PATLAR GAZETTE will report the news in a consistent, objective, and timely fashion and will publish information about advertisers for everyone who is interested.



been fortunate to have new organizations develop which are designed to aid gay people to enhance the quality of their relationships. For example, Our River City Family is intended to provide a way for women and men of the gay community to meet and form friendships while pursuing common-interest activities. Man Two Man is a club which helps fine tune the concept even further by providing men a way to meet and develop same-gender friendships and relationships.

These emerging systems need to be supported by the gay community. In addition, there is a need for institutions that will continue beyond the present generation of leadership and which will strengthen a feeling of caring and nurturing among gay persons. Too, we need to focus our resources. A community center would provide that focus. It would provide a facility to schedule social events of newly emerging institutions, provide inspiration for their growth and, also, allow the gay community to develop mechanisms to economize on the expenditure on energy. We need to think about these things.

RELIGION

The response to this column has been remarkable. Several of you have written letters suggesting future topics of discussion. One of the best letters I received was a well-written, well-researched article submitted by Carl Goebel. Rather than the interview I had planned for this month, I decided to print the article here for your consideration. With thanks to Carl, I invite you to read on...

Do you think that the most important church leaders in the Bible--called "apostles"--were all men? Look again, and don't overlook the Apostle Junia. She was a relative of the Apostle Paul and is mentioned by him as having become a Christian before he had. According to Paul, she was not only an apostle but was "outstanding among the apostles" (Romans 16:7).

Another exceptional woman, Priscilla, was the more prominent partner in the successful wife-and-husband evangelistic team of "Priscilla and Aquila". Her name is mentioned first in the Bible references which indicates her leadership in the team, and among the things they did was instruct an apostle named Apollos as well as work closely with the Apostle Paul.

Still another remarkable woman was "deacon" Phoebe whom Paul commends to the church at Rome as being a fine church officer or "deacon" from a certain Greek town (Romans 16:1). The office Phoebe held was

generally male-dominated, but she was considered a deacon (diakonos in Greek) equal to any male deacon and was not called by the strictly female title of diakonissa or "deaconess".

Another person that the Bible refers to in superlative terms is a gay man whose lover was healed of a terminal illness by Jesus Christ himself. The man was a Roman army commander and his lover was his "boy" or pais, a servant who, as the Bible puts it, "was dear to him" (Luke 7:2). Perceiving the faith that the commander had in Christ's ability to heal, Christ exclaimed, "I have never before experienced such great faith as his!" (Matthew 8:10).

Of course, the best known gay lovers in the Bible were Crown Prince Jonathan of Israel and David who was destined to become the king of Israel instead of him. The Bible states that their souls were "knit together" in a loving relationship (1 Samuel 18:1) and David openly admitted that Jonathan's love toward him "was more wonderful than the love of women" (2 Samuel 1:26). Their relationship and loyalty to one another was so strong--especially on the part of Jonathan--that he would have freely relinquished the throne of the kingdom of Israel to David had he not been killed in battle along with his father, King Saul.

Please write me with your comments. I'll publish some of your responses next month.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN: FIGHT WILL CONTINUE

The battle for equal rights has not ended with the expiration of the current ratification deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment. Recently, Members of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues cosponsored the reintroduction of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

Equal rights is a fundamental issue that will not wither away because of a ratification deadline. It

is a basic issue of economic justice and equality, which would guarantee that all citizens would be protected, by law, from discrimination. Passage of the Amendment would challenge those in the Congress and the Administration who seek, through legislation and other means, to put women back into so-called "traditional" roles, thereby limiting opportunity and the ability of society to benefit fully from the contributions women could make.



ASK UNCLE JAY

POLICY: It is the policy of this columnist to answer letters through this column only. Those of you who write in for personal correspondence (i.e., counseling service), I always refer to a Social Service Agency in your area. Generally those services are free or available on a sliding scale.

**REAL MEN DON'T GIVE A DAMN
WHAT ANYONE THINKS OF THEIR
QUICHE.**

By Gerry Wortman

Criticism has been leveled at this paper for chauvinistic comments about the "Real Man." We made the comments in the spirit of fun--we were ridiculing a recent and chauvinistic book--but the question is fairly raised, "What do we think a Real Man is?"

A Real Man is wealthy, for he is self-sufficient. He is able to provide for his material, mental, and moral needs. When he chooses or is required to depend on another, he enriches the relationship, making it interdependent rather than predatory.

He is honorable. He knows the value of his word, and he keeps it. He hates bigotry and injustice, and will act to correct them. He is the knight-errant, free of the prejudices of the Dark Ages. He is a little awesome.

He is vulnerable. He has shed the medieval armor as well. He accepts some risks, knowing and conquering his fears. He bears the consequences when he guesses wrong, and revels in the rewards when his judgement is correct. He has a sense of humor. He is sensitive.

Women exist, equally common and equally rare, who share some or all of these

Dear Uncle Jay,

My problem is one that I have both researched and discussed at some length with various counselors. Nothing seems to help.

I met a man (I'll call him Sam). We started out just as friends, but in a few months we became lovers. Sam had had a previous lover I'll call Pete, who had treated him very bad.

I thought that my coming into his life, treating him great, would remove the bad taste left by Pete. However, whenever we make love, Pete always comes to his mind in a very obvious way. To make matters worse, Pete is now back in the picture, and I'm getting pushed aside. I need some advice for my tearful nights.

Always Being Used

Dear ABU,

If your definition of a "lover" is never being the single most important person in the other person's life, and if that definition includes playing second fiddle to an ex-lover (or anyone), then you've hit utopia! If, on the other hand, your definition of a "lover" is one to whom you are mutually dedicated and devoted, and, if that relationship has a growth factor with room enough for only two with others not allowed in except socially, then there is a sea of opportunities out there. Start wading in new water.

Confidential to Monogamous:

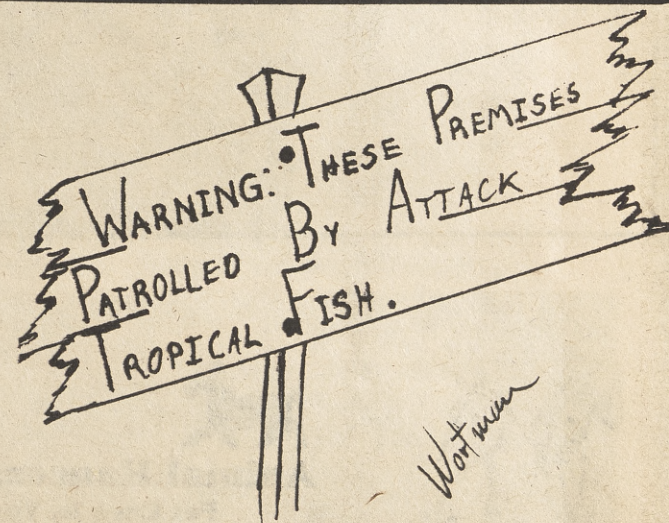
Being mentally and emotionally true to one's lover is very important. If discreet sexual contacts are agreed upon BY THE TWO OF YOU, then keep it that way. Hang your jealousies in the closet, not in the marketplace to air. Good luck!

attributes. However, we refuse to define any woman, let alone a "Real Woman," in terms of any man.

Is the Real Man a hunk, a stud, a mass of rippling muscles? He may be. It isn't a prerequisite.

He still doesn't give a damn what anyone thinks of his quiche.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



"That should take care of the skinnydippers--now, what do we do about the obscene calls?"

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GAY MEN

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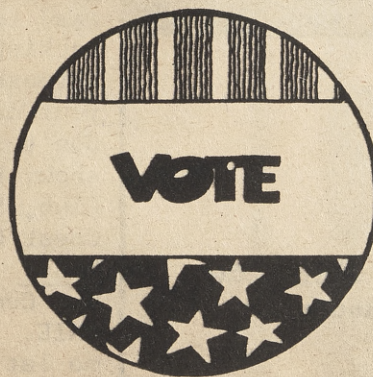
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- The Wreck Room

ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY



RENO RODEO ROUNDUP

In excess of 24,000 people smashed all records at the Reno Gay Rodeo last month. Attendance was at an all-time high, and charitable contributions will be equally handsome. The Reno Senior Citizen's Center will benefit by at least \$5,000, and several times that figure will be donated to Muscular Distrophy.

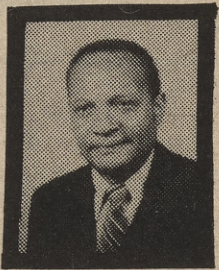
Friday night, Fresno's representative won the Ms. Gay Rodeo contest. Sacramento's own, the unsinkable LaKish, lost the Miss title narrowly to a behemoth from Phoenix. The sweet little thing not only represented Phoenix--she WAS Phoenix! There's a competitive advantage in being big enough to make it not merely difficult to share the stage, but actually structurally unsafe. No dishonor--real men don't give a damn what some twerp thinks of their Kish.

The Rodeo's All-Around titles, \$1500, and the championship buckles went to Kenny from Dallas (Men's) and to Casey Johnson (Women's). Plenty of good hard work, thrills, and bruises went into that day's paycheck.

Saturday night, the Evening of Women concert overflowed. The Sands Hotel was swamped, as were most of the casinos--it was the biggest non-holiday weekend this year. Our reporters were amused to see straight cowboys surreptitiously sticking their hats under the table.

One of the lowlights of the weekend was the Barbeque--it had to be cancelled. Tickets were either refunded or honored at subsequent events. Romance, however, blossomed--call Paul, any Paul will do, for details.

ERNIE BROWN



VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

By Ernie Brown

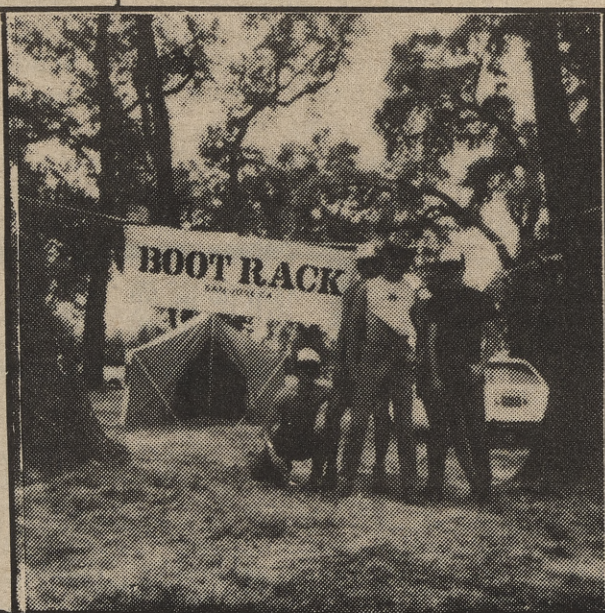
First of all, I would like to commend the Parking Lot for their recent Rainbow Festival. A great success. The Dusty Dawn & East Wind provided some solid foot-stompin music. Doug (Parking Lot), we love you. Hang in there, Baby. Congratulations Wreck Room Stars! They did it again. They brought home the first place Pacific Northwest winning cup from Vancouver, Canada last week. That's the way to go boys. Speaking of the Wreck Room, they are having a Nuts & Bolts party Thursday, August 26th, 8 PM. Don't miss it. Keep an eye out for a grand announcement from Club 21. They are about ready to celebrate their first anniversary. It's going to be a Big One. I have the inside scoop, but mum's the word. The Gay Rodeo in Reno was a hoot. And I do mean A HOOT. Sacramento, you can be proud of our candidates, Anna Marrison, Ms. Gay Reno Rodeo, Terry Sidee (Bo Jangles), Mr. Gay Reno Rodeo, and LaKish for Miss Gay Reno Rodeo. They looked good. Of course, they were already winners

here in Sacto. Don't forget. Every Wednesday night at the Broadway Ltd., five to eight, all the spaghetti you can eat including all the trimmings. All for only two dollars and a half. After eating, you can dance it all off on that new dance floor, which seems to be catching on very well. Don't forget, one of our favorite cooks, Bob Farrell, is in the kitchen whipping up a lot of other goodies for your delight. Check it out. Terry Sidee is still packing them in out at Bo Jangles. He has something special coming up. I'll keep you posted. Trust me. The auction and the bingo games have been a big hit at the Mercantile Saloon. Lot of fun. Watch for posting for their next game. Even if you don't play, you can still enjoy one of Vera's veraburgers. They are a treat to behold. Anna Marie, congratulations on your grand opening and much success. Coming Up: Hear ye, hear ye!! A Renaissance Faire bus trip, Sunday, Sept. 12th. Departs from the Mercantile Saloon at 10 AM, returning at 8 PM. The fare is twenty-two dollars which includes everything. Don't miss this one. It may be the last one. Your Host: YOURS TRULY. See you there. For reservations, call 447-0792 or 447-0896. Congratulations to the Sacramento Star newspaper. I like it. It's nice reading. My deepest sympathy goes out to Red for losing his loved one a few days ago. (Hank in memoriam.) They were friends for fourteen years. We will all miss him. Warning!!! There is a guy going around all of the bars, becoming very friendly and helpful to everyone. Also claiming that he is a friend of some very prominent bar people. For instance, he claims that Aunt Rose, Bobbette, Yours Truly, etc. are all very good friends of his. His name is Marty, or so he says. He has an oakey look, is about six ft. tall, wears a cowboy hat, and claims he is manager of a bar in Los Angeles called The Eagles Bar. These are all lies! But the main thing is BEWARE. He is a super rip-off artist. It is already too late for some people. OK, you stand warned. Mike L. (Broadway Ltd.), glad you and yours had a good time in Mexico. Axel (Power Plant), is still packing them in Thursday through Sunday night for your dancing pleasure. Don't forget, GNIE bingo show, Riverbend Country Club, Sat. Aug. 28th 8 PM. Guest Host: Mom...Guess What! It's a fundraiser for Our Community United and GNIE. It's for a good cause so let's help them out. You are going to be surprised when you see now many Sacramentans are participating in

the Gay Olympics in SF. That's coming up soon. Swimming, volley ball, softball, track, you name it, we are in it. I would like to thank the entire staff at the new Paul's Lounge in Reno for a wonderful 3-day stay. They were all so pleasant. Remember, if there is anything you want me to mention in this paper about up-coming events in your establishment, please feel free to let me know. I will try to print it. TIDBITS: Aunt Rose, watch that famous rose bush--it ain't pretty. Happy Birthday, Jimmy T. Happy Birthday, Dwayne. Frank (The Broadway, Ltd.), when I asked you what was coming up, I didn't mean that! Don H. & Scoop (MGW), when couples go out together, they usually stay together! Tsk, tsk! Right, Don? Dean (Parking Lot), good to see you behind the bar again. We missed you. Randy (Merc), how was your Russian River trip? Next time, get his name and telephone number. That way you can call HIM. LaKish (Merc), get the gun. Jim A., Black Russians are lethal. Right? Right. Make you leave your car keys and wallet at the bar. FLASH!!! WE ARE LOSING ANOTHER ONE OF OUR CELEBRITIES TO SAN FRANCISCO. THIS TIME IT'S EDWARD LEWELLING (AKA MR. AL JOLSON). ONE OF OUR FAVORITE BARTENDERS, JIM CATRELL (BROADWAY, LTD.), WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. GOOD LUCK IN THE CITY, GUYS. DON'T FORGET SACTO! Jessie, you did it again. Your birthday luau was the hit of the year. I have never seen or tasted so much beautiful food in my life. If the way to a person's heart is through the stomach, my dear, you have won a lot of hearts. Walter Coburn and Sylvester were responsible for the beautiful layout of food. My compliments to the chefs for a feast fit for a queen. And the show, well, I am here to tell you it was one of the best ones that I have seen in River City in a long time. One of the highlights of the show was when our own Eddie did his salute to Al Jolson. It brought the entire house to its feet. Another show stopper, Lady Amazon (from Reno), put us on our feet again with her rendition of Bette Midler's, "When a Man Loves a Woman." She was a sight to behold. In fact the whole cast, Mike, Eddie, Jody, Jeff (Reno), Rocky, Larry and Beverly (Arthur Miller Dance Instructors), and the one and only, star (from Sacto). Everyone of you deserved a standing ovation. If I wore a hat it would be off to you. Thanks again Jesse for a wonderful evening here in River City, and, a Happy Birthday. I can hardly wait until your next one. Well, that's about it for now...see you next time. Bye.

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SACRAMENTO



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

By Gerry Wortman

The bewitching Natalie, the Seductress of Paris, will join characters like Colette, Sappho, Gertrude Stein, and the Punk Dyke for **DYKES ON PARADE**, a new version the hit satire. Performances are on August 20 and 21 at the Sierra II Cen-

ter, curtain at 8:00. Tickets are \$5.00 adult, \$2.50 children under 12, and may be purchased at the door or in advance from Lioness Books.

Feminist Spirit will be the theme of the Tuesday night study group sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Works by Mary Daly will be featured. Call Betty at 483-0791. Regular Worship Services are held Sundays at 6 pm, 3700 Y St. Fridays see a Lesbian Rap Group at 8 pm, also at 37th and Y. Contact 736-0113 or 453-0791.

Check out the new video room at the Steamworks. They play the kind of movies without dialogue, so the background music becomes important. It contains selections from the Nutcracker Suite, including the Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy.

GNIE and MGW will sponsor a Bingo Night and Show Saturday the 28th at the Riverbend Country Club, 500 Douglas in Broderick. The Court

plans a truly spectacular show and will split the profits with OCU.

Watch for the Sacramento volleyball teams in the Gay Olympics, with members provided by Our River City Family. Their Potluck is moving to the first Saturday of the month (call 485-7960), and volleyball on Tuesdays will also be changing location. Call Paul at 447-1065

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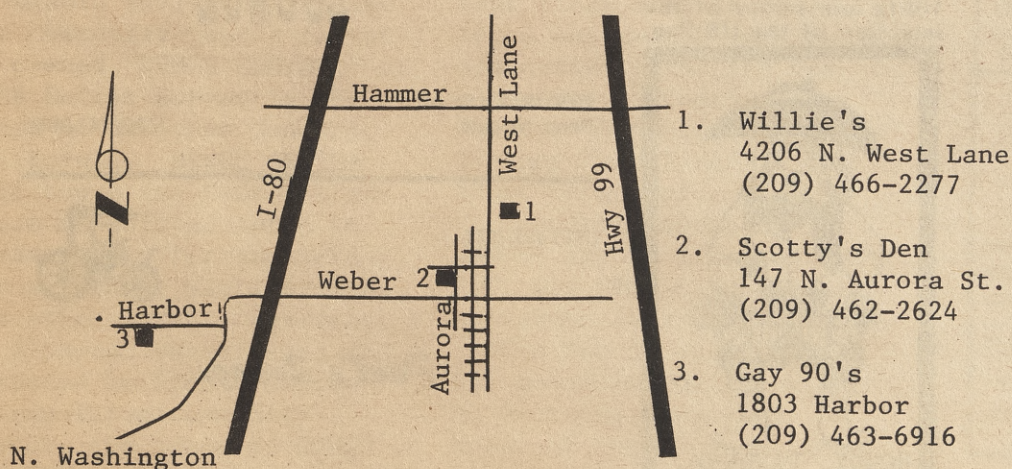
Bust Your Britches

Shrink-to-squeeze jeans will arouse the Imperial Court of San Joaquin County, together with ambassadors from all over Superior California. Their Royal and Imperial Majesties, the King Father IX of All California and the Emperor and Empress IX of the Delta will sponsor a Tight Jeans Contest Saturday, August 22, at the Palace Showboat Dinner Theatre.

Their Serenities decree that contestants shall appear in three events: Casual Clothing, black tie and all other closures optional; Swimwear, in order to cool themselves off; and Main Event entrants will pack

themselves into the tightest pair of britches-busting jeans they can wriggle into. What a meat market! Entry fees are \$10.

The Palace Showboat is located at 10464 North Highway 99, in Pollardville. Watch for the chicken--on the sign--and you can't miss it. The doors open at 6:00, dinner is at 7:00, and the show begins at 7:31 sharp. Advance tickets for \$12 are still available today and tomorrow at 2519 Sumac Ave., Stockton. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. Dinner is included. Call (916) 927-9540 or (209) 952-1371 for information.



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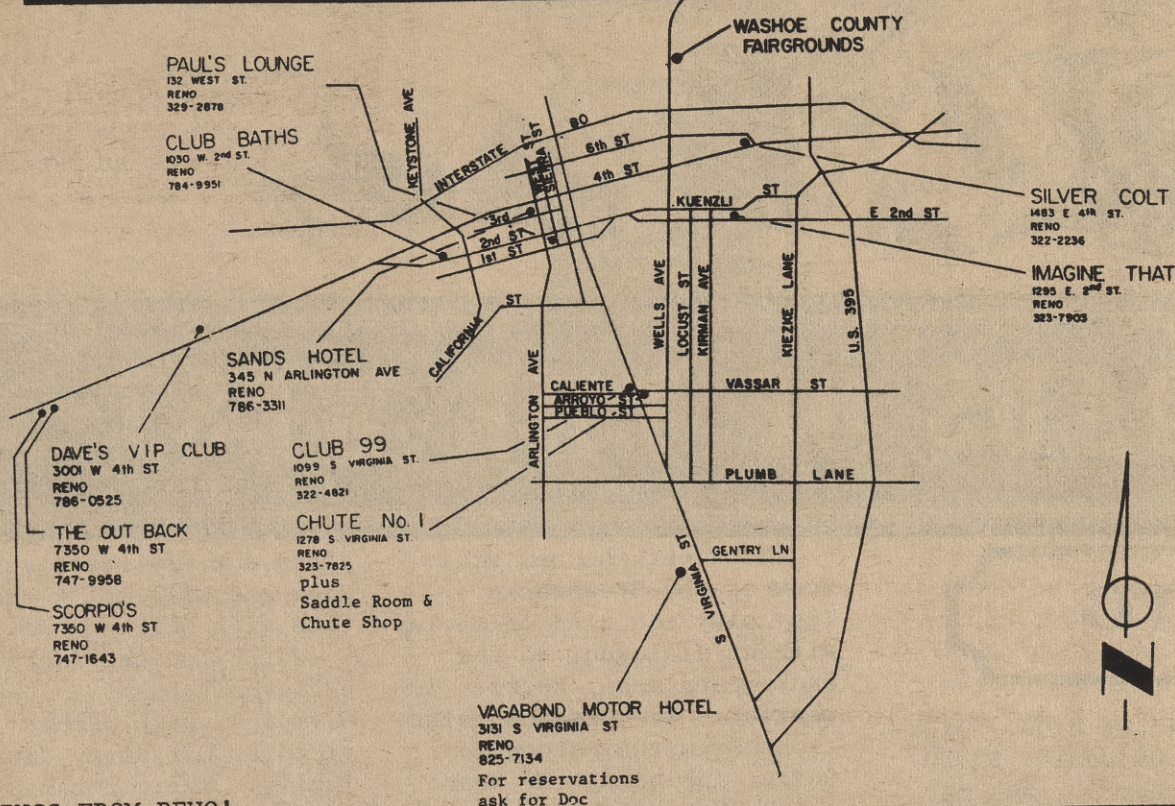
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RENO



GREETINGS FROM RENO!

By Joe Palanti

It's a pleasure to be asked to write for this new publication in the Sacramento area, the Patlar Gazette, another great publication, along with Mom, Guess What!, The Sacramento Star, and the Rambler. With all these great publications in the

Sacramento area, there should be no reason why we should not be all well informed of what goes on in your area. The purpose of this article is to keep you informed of what is going on in the Reno area.

In each article, I'll be giving you some background of each club, organization, bar, or gay entity

in our area and different events going on each month. I won't be talking about the Reno Gay Rodeo because it's widely publicized (and another great success this year), but will give you some insight on other things around our town.

To begin with, we have eight gay bars in the Reno area: Chute I, Club 99, Paul's Lounge Two, Silver Colt Bar & Restaurant, Dave's VIP, Out Back (the newest bar), and Scorpios. A map is provided showing the location of each bar. There is also one great bar in Tahoe called City Lights.

Among the Gay entities, organizations, and clubs in the Reno area, we have The Comstock Empire Silver Dollar Court, a Gay Dinner Club, the Knights of Malta, The High Sierras M.C., and the Silver Barons M.C. I have asked each group to provide me with some background of their organization, and I will submit it to this paper monthly.

I would like to begin my first article by letting you know a little about the Knights of Malta, Western

Chapter. I picked the K of M first because I'm president of the club, and we have an anniversary and a yearly Assembly coming up soon and would like to get it into this issue. The original Knights of Malta began in Seattle 10 years ago, and since then we have opened seven more chapters around the country, which are:

K of M, Jet Chapter, Seattle
K of M, Cascade Chapter, Portland

K of M, Dogwood Chapter, Vancouver, B.C.

K of M, Western Chapter, Reno
K of M, Beehive Chapter, Salt Lake City

K of M, Stockmen Chapter, Denver

K of M, Empire Chapter, Spokane

K of M, CVMC, Fresno

All of the Knights of Malta chapters operate under the same set of rules and constitution, but each must also have its own set of rules and regulations. Each chapter, within one year of opening, must prove that it has incorporated in the state in which it resides.

To open a chapter of the Knights of Malta, a city must have five prospective members and must be sponsored by a chapter in the closest city. All data are put together and presented at the annual meeting of all chapters, and each prospective chapter is either accepted or rejected. That annual meeting is called "Assembly." It is held in a different city each year and is always held on Labor Day Weekend. It is a weekend of fun and is open to the public, except for the closed meeting of the chapters. This year Assembly '82 is being held in Denver, hosted by the Stockmen Chapter.

The Knights of Malta is a basic leather and levi men's club whose basic purpose is to give to charity. Each chapter must donate yearly so much of what it takes in. In Reno, we donate 60% of all revenues from functions. Our main charity in Reno is the Senior Citizens' Care & Cont. p. 7

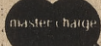


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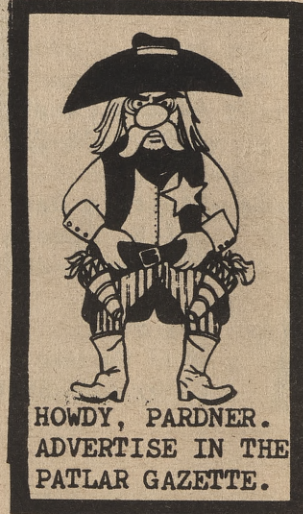
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GREETINGS FROM RENO!

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Share Program. Each chapter must pick its own charity and prove at Assembly that it has done so.

We have one full motorcycle chapter, and that is the Central Valley MC, Knights of Malta, in Fresno, California. All other chapters are strictly leather or levi with interest in brother clubs of our nature and with community interests in mind. Most chapters of the K of M are honor guards for their respective courts.

If you're ever in Reno and would like to learn more about the K of M, give a call, (702) 972-1711. We'll be happy to talk to you and show you around our "biggest little city in the world."

I look forward to writing the next article, which will spotlight another club or organization in our area. If there are any special subjects regarding Reno you would like discussed in this paper, let the editor of this paper know; and if I can't write it, I'll find someone to research the matter and we'll write about it.

One final note: We must congratulate the writers of the Rambler for the fantastic research and history of Reno written in their last paper. It was very well written. Thank you.

SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR THE HI HO MOTEL

The Hi Ho Motor Lodge of Reno, Nevada needs the support of its customers to survive. Legal problems are threatening the existence of the motel.

During this period, the motel is requesting its supporters to take the Hi Ho Pledge of Allegiance. A certificate will be issued for every \$10 pledge of support. The certificate can be traded for a \$15 credit toward a daily room rate at the motel. This program is effective September 1, 1982.

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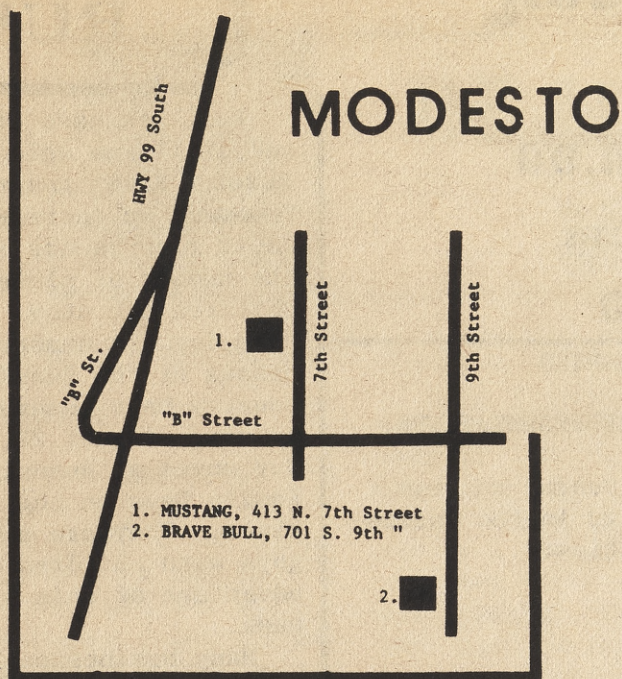
Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church recently opened "DVMCC CENTER," at 1818 Colfax Street in the heart of downtown Concord, California. DVMCC CENTER will house the Church's offices as well as serve as headquarters for counseling, rap sessions, bible studies, and other worship services.

Although established and operated by Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, the scope of DVMCC CENTER goes well beyond MCC-sponsored worship services and religious functions.

DVMCC CENTER marks an important first step in establishing a nucleus of information and activity for the gay community of Contra Costa County. Establishment of a 24-hour "hot line" is one short-term goal.

Inquiries about DVMCC CENTER may be directed to P.O. Box 280, Concord; or telephone (415) 827-2960.

The Hub in Walnut Creek has scheduled Oldies Night on Thursday, August 26. Music of the 50's and 60's will be played and there will, also be a costume contest with a \$50 prize.



MODESTO

MODESTO SCENE

The Stanislaus Gay Alliance (SGA) is a support group for area gays and friends of gays.

Danny Lowe Named Activities Director

On July 18th, Danny Lowe, who has been an extremely active SGA member during the last year, was unanimously chosen as the new Activities & Services Chair for Stanislaus Gay Alliance by the SGA Board. Danny, who assumes his duties immediately, will be replacing Jeff Krueger. Jeff resigned due to a work-related job transfer requiring him to move to the Washington, D.C. area.

Everyone is invited to become involved in SGA. In addition to scheduled social activities, people may participate in as many as three major summer programs. These include organizing (1) Spaghetti Mama's annual fund-raising drive, (2) SGA's upcoming dance in September, and (3) the fall SGA program.

The SGA, whose summer schedule is printed below, may be contacted by writing to P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352 or by telephoning (209) 577-6816.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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21 Sat Spaghetti Mama's annual fund-raising dinner event for the gay community and friends.
28 Sat SGA Potluck at Gary and Larry's, 816 Benson, Modesto.

Sept

3 Fri SGA Yard Sale. Held at 516 Spencer, Modesto. For information contact Jerry at 578-5294.
4 Sat SGA Yard Sale. See above.
4 Sat Screening Committee for applicants for Emperor and Empress.
5 Sun SGA Yard Sale. See above. Informal SGA Picnic, 1:00 pm, Enslen Park, near horse shoe pits and Boy Scout Club House.
12 Sun Emerald Court sponsored picnic--site to be announced.
15 Wed Newlywed Game Night at Mustang Club--9:00 pm. Grand prize to be awarded.
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LAKE COUNTY

By Mr. Bill

HELLO FROM LAKE COUNTY! WHERE IN THE HELL IS LAKE COUNTY? Just a two-hour drive from Sacramento on I 5 turn off at Williams to Highway 20 to Clearlake, and WELCOME TO LAKE COUNTY... Stay on Highway 20 to Glenhaven, then the action starts and never seems to end. You say that there could not be that much to do in Lake County? WRONG. We have lots of things going for us here; the lake is always ready for you to enjoy: sailing, fishing, swimming, boating, skiing, and many fun-filled hours on the beach at the wonderful STARLITE MOTEL, hosted by RANDY and JOEL. If you don't care for the lake, there is a pool and spa available to you and your guests. Located on Highway 20 in Glenhaven... Enjoy the view of Mt. KONOCTI from

the lake or pool, and when it is time for the party to start, walk a few doors down to the all NEW BAR and the FIRST GAY COCKTAIL LOUNGE IN LAKE COUNTY... THE CABARET... your hosts are CHUCK... SCOTTY... BILL... AND AL. The CABARET has a nice warm comfortable feeling; in the lounge, take a short step to the dance floor, shoot a couple games of pool, sit on the patio and enjoy your friends new and old; you are made over as if you were a guest at a private party... Many things coming up for the next few months... August 21st is the GRAND*** OPENING*** of the CABARET; there will be door prizes, drawings, and food for one and all, many surprises in store for you, so mark your calendars. Find out just what they do with that wheel of fortune during the stay,

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Many businesses in Guerneville have joined this effort to let all adults and their families know they are especially welcome here. Special rates, prizes, and events at the resorts, restaurants, campgrounds, amusement parks, stores, parks and other businesses are being planned.

Guerneville is the center of the Russian River vacationland. Among the giant Redwoods, families can canoe up and down the river, picnic on its shores, swim and play in its waters, hike in the hills above it at Arm-

strong Woods State Park, play pee-wee golf, tennis, waterslide, go-cart, camp, barbeque, and shop in Guerneville's many stores. Wine tours are available at nearby wineries, biking is available, many pools are available for swimming and sunning.

Being a Gay Parent with children poses special challenges. Not all of America is willing to accept same-gender relationships. Bringing children into contact with people who are not willing to accept these adult relationships can sometimes be traumatic for everyone. Consequently, Gay Parents must select their vacation spots where they know they will feel welcome. The Russian River Area is a place where Gay Parents and Parents of Gays can bring their families and relax.

A number of resorts, including CAMELOT, FERN GROVE, CREEKSIDE, and BATES, are giving special discount rates and making a special welcome to Gay Families during this five day period in August.

you may never be the same. The big bash starts at 7:00 pm... THE CABARET will be HOSTING the gang from "OUR BAR" in VALLEJO... THE DINING POINT is always there to make sure that you don't get hunger pains... MIKE and DAVID do a good job to see that you have a good meal, Lunch and Dinner... THE DINING POINT is located at the SUNSET POINT RESORT... The bar is another story at the POINT if you haven't already heard... fill you in later on that one... By the time this hits the streets, there will be another GAY-OWNED BUSINESS to help make your stay more enjoyable... it's the MOUNTAIN VIEW GROCERY & DELI owned by JOHN SPEED and LARRY CURRY... The best of LUCK to the both of you, hear that the DELI is really going to have much to offer... They said it wouldn't happen in Lake County, but it is going to. LABOR DAY WEEKEND there is going to be an ALL MALE REVUE at the CABARET... Staged by Sacramento's CARL (Alias RULA LENSKA)... promises to be a fun time... that is, Sat. & Sun. of Labor Day weekend, no cover ... just come one, come all to the CABARET... in Glenhaven on the North Shore of Clearlake... LOOK OUT FOR BOB! You never know what he is going to do next... Why not go to the North Shore of CLEAR LAKE, it is closer and doesn't cost as much to have a good time... When was the last time you had a good CATFISH dinner? THE CABARET is hosting the FIRST CATFISH DERBY... maybe it will be an annual event... It is to be held on Oct.

16 with cash prizes for BIGGEST one caught and for the most pulled in... and the one that got away does not count... Sunday the 17th is the FREE CATFISH FRY ... it will be served as long as the catfish holds out... Sounds like fun, you can do some of your best fishing at night and maybe you can get that BIG ONE... if some of you are squeamish about baiting a hook, SCOTTY says that there'll probably be plenty of the local BUTCH MEN to help you with your worm... LOOK OUT... More events coming up later in the coming months so keep the GAZETTE within reach...

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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for details.

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TURLOCK

GAY GROWTH GROUP IN TURLOCK?

The Family Service Agency in Turlock is considering a growth group for gay men and women. The group would possibly meet weekly for a set period of time and would be designed along the lines of a similar group now being held at the agency's Modesto office. If you live in the Turlock area and might be interested in such a group (or would like more information), please contact Sandy Lucas of the Turlock Family Service Agency at 667-0864.

THE TRAVELER

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Auburn Beach

The community of Auburn is located in the Mother Lode Country about an hour from Sacramento, going east on Interstate 80. Auburn, which dates from the gold rush days, has a population of about 7,500 persons, which gives it a decided small-town atmosphere. There are many interesting antique stores, restaurants, and other sights to see in the town.

Outside Auburn, going South, Highway 49 parallels the American River in an area of rolling foothills. The access points to the beach area are located about two miles outside town. There are no directional signs; however, cars are usually parked along the highway near the access trails to the beach. The trails are well worn and can generally be picked up without too much difficulty.

The hike is well worth the time and effort. There is an abundant sandy beach that stretches along the river. The area is isolated and many persons elect to go nude; however, there is no pressure or requirement to do so. Persons of all sexual persuasions use the beach including gay women and men. Suggestions include the following:

- 1) Clothing and shoes should be suitable to negotiate steep mountain trails. Long sleeves should be worn by persons allergic to poison oak.

REAL ESTATE; JOB OR CAREER

By Curt Mackey

During the past five years of selling real estate for a living, I've had many occasions to stop and reflect on just why I'm still doing something I had intended to do for no more than a year. My original thinking was that real estate would be a nice temporary sojourn between high-paying jobs. Now, however, it's beginning to look more like a career.

Initially I had been attracted to what I had heard was "easy" money, working my own hours, independent-contractor status (no boss), and the chance to learn something about the business world; something my degree in journalism and experience as a reporter had not really offered me. So I took the plunge knowing that I couldn't possibly fail because all I really wanted was a few bucks and a little freedom from the stress of deadlines and editors.

What I didn't anticipate was working sixty hours a week, going for weeks without a paycheck in this stinking market, being at the beck and call of every one of my clients at any time day or night (in effect, many bosses), no paid vacations, and worst of all, my independent-contractor status exempts me from unemployment compensation if I should falter or get sick of the whole mess. No social net to catch me if I should suddenly go tits up.

Yet I'm still doing it and enjoying it in my own sick little way despite the lousy market, tough hours, and persistent clients. What happens is that you eventually get to like that edgy feeling of not knowing when your next payday will be; and when it comes, to be honest, it's usually a big one. And that's nice!

Some of the other things I like are the ego food that comes from putting together complex transactions, recognition, feelings of power (I have a drop or two of Teutonic blood) from handling people's largest financial holding, working with diverse and different people, the strange hours; and most important, I always have something to say to people because everybody is inter-

- 2) Cold water should be stored at the car for consumption after the climb back up.
- 3) Nothing should be taken down which has to be brought back--unless you are in good shape.

REAL ESTATE MART



ested in real estate.

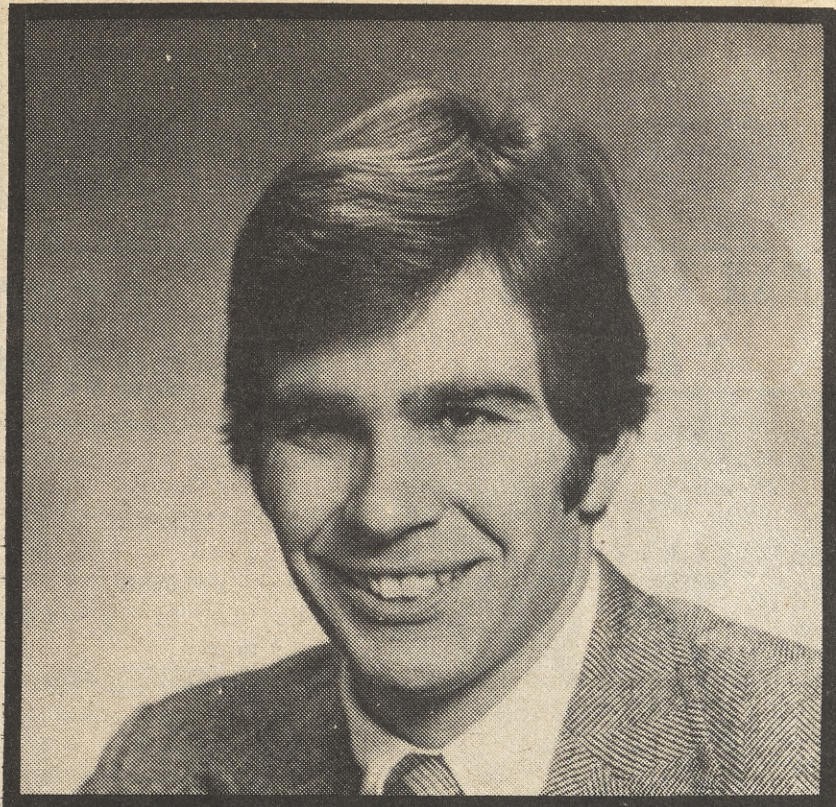
Okay. Would I advise a gay person to get into real estate? You bet. I feel that real estate is a good career for gays because it offers a lot of freedom and a chance for economic and professional independence that most careers can't even begin to offer. Furthermore, gays tend to be sensitive to what people think and say, and that is the SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT attribute of any real-estate agent. Polls and surveys by professional organizations show that buyers and sellers want "warmth and sensitivity" more than expertise, financial advice, appraisal knowledge, or professional competence when they select a real-estate agent to work with.

Real estate is under-represented when it comes to minorities, unless you consider women minorities, which I don't. The reason for this, I suspect, is that real estate offers a lot of rejection and minorities, as a general rule, are sensitive to rejection. But I feel that's a hurdle that

has to be overcome on a personal level. Rejection bothered the hell out of me my first two years in the business, but I made some personal adjustments to counter my sensitivity in that area.

Believe it or not, I still recommend for people to go into real estate despite the general ailing condition of the market as a whole. For one thing, there's less competition out there for someone to fight if they are determined to make it. Many old-time real-estate pros have gone by the wayside because they couldn't adjust to today's market; they continued to operate the way they did five years ago and so they failed. However, someone new doesn't sit around making those comparisons to the more active market of yesterday--they just hustle with the set of conditions they are given in today's market and they make it.

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A leather fashion show was presented to the members of Man Two Man and their guests on Wednesday, August 4 by Earl Grist of Earl's Leathers. The show presented several garments that were created by Mr. Grist. The collection ranged from suede vests with leather piping to pants and chaps in black leather. The audience was impressed with Mr. Grist's skill and professionalism and took the opportunity to ask questions about the purchase and care of fine leather garments.



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REQUIEM

By Gerry Wortman

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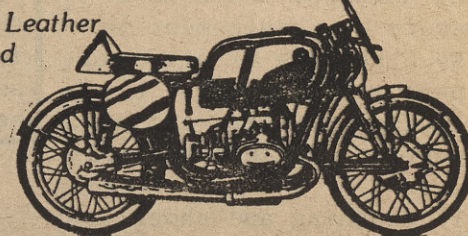
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A BUDGET BARBECUE

By Ms. Hedda Khabahj, M.A.

I begin by quoting from a recently received letter because it is a good introduction to some aspects of the barbecue which many people seem to ignore.

Dear Ms. Khabahj:

Loved your easy "Gay Corny Cheesebake" in last month's PATLAR GAZETTE. My lover of 15 weeks now is a picky eater so, of course, he had reservations, but he always does so not to worry. Which brings me to my problem.

It looks like our stylish gay vegetable garden in Lavender Heights is going to produce a bumper crop of fresh corn. What do you suggest a novice cook with a picky lover do with fresh corn besides boiling it in salted water like my Mom always did?

Yours truly,
A Gay Gardner

Dear Gay Gardner:

One of the simplest ways to prepare corn is to wrap it in foil with a pinch of salt and pepper and put in on the barbecue. The timing depends on how high the rack and how hot the fire. Generally, you should give it the same heat and time as you would in steaming or in boiling--a total of eight to ten minutes. For variety you can wrap the corn with bell pepper strips (either red or green) or you can add celery seed, tarragon, or whatever spices you think will enliven your corn. In addition there are any number of other vegetables which can be cooked on the grill when wrapped in foil: squash (zucchini, crookneck), carrots, potatoes, etc. Try adding herbs or spices, but remember the cooking time is in the same proportion as if

you were steaming or boiling. In other words, carrots take longer than squash. Don't forget that garlic or onions or basil can do wonders to perk up a vegetable.

And now for a very simple budget barbecue. With the soaring costs of meats, especially the prime or expensive cuts, it is time to see what can be done with some of the cheaper cuts. One of the most versatile is the chuck roast. There is, however, one word of caution. Buy USDA Choice which is available in many stores and is so marked. If you buy meat from a particular state or that has been fed a particular grain, you will have to experiment and check it. With USDA Choice, you can depend on the quality, the tenderness, and the amount of fat. Try a boneless roast. If you want, you can marinate the meat in red wine in the refrigerator for several hours or overnight. But it is not necessary. Trim off any excess fat (to prevent flare-ups). Slash any edging sinew or fat to prevent curling. Assuming you have a roast 1½ to 2 inches thick, place it about 4 inches over the hot coals or heat source and allow 12 to 20 minutes per side, depending on how rare or well-done you want it.

While the first side is doing, take 4 ounces of blue cheese (or you can use Roquefort or Stilton for a creamier flavor), add a tablespoon of butter, a tablespoon of milk, and a dash of Worcestershire sauce. Cream the mixture into a nice paste. When you turn the meat, apply the cheese mixture to the already cooked, now top side in a layer about ¼ to ½ inch thick. Try not to get too close to the edges, because if the mixture runs and drips onto the heat, it will flare up. When done, remove

LETTERS FROM THE CLOSET

Dear Mom and Dad,

I don't know how to begin this letter. I understand that someone has told you my secret. Well, it's true--this is as good a day for honesty as any other--I'm gay. Please don't turn away from me.

I wish I could say I had intended to tell you myself, and soon, for you shouldn't have had to hear this from a stranger. I had no such plans. I couldn't risk losing you.

I saw you, Mom, when Eric climbed up on your lap last Christmas. It was so trusting, so right. I sometimes wish I had a grandson like that. I sometimes wish I had a son like that. However, I've known for some time that I couldn't be a father. It has nothing to do with being gay--that isn't so important a part of my life. It has to do with being a father.

I can remember when I needed discipline, and you gave it to me (Yes, Dad, I remember). I remember a Boy Scout troop. You couldn't be the Scoutmaster, Dad--your job wouldn't let you--but you held that troop together for years. You never knew how valuable it was. I never knew.

I remember a speech contest you sat in on, and the advice you gave me afterward (the red shirt--remember?). I remember being driven to the hospital after a seizure. Dad, you were talking quietly. I have no idea what you said. My mind was whirling, it was night, the road was slipping by, and my father was talking

quietly, and it was all right.

I couldn't do that, Dad. I could be there once or twice, maybe even a lot of the time. But all the time, and for twenty years?

I used to kid you, Mom, about how I kill houseplants. A child in my care? Oh, I could feed them, and clothe them, and house them--but could I care for them? When they begin to grow up, and make their mistakes, could I let them learn? Could I still love them?

When we moved to California, you put thousands of miles between the branches of the family. I remember when Grandpa and Grandma died. You still had us. We weren't substitutes, we weren't replacements--we were, and are, your sons, we were there, and we loved you.

I will never have that. I will never start another family. Any personal immortality I may have will have to come from what I say, what I do, and what I am. There is small comfort in that. I feel old, and alone. I don't want a lover--I want my father and my mother. I want my family.

I know it's hard to see a son as a sexual being. I can't picture the two of you that way. You were shocked, you were surprised, you were made to see something new, and it hurts. I am desperately sorry to have hurt you. When you can, when the pain passes, call me.

I'm still your son, I'm still here, and I love you.

Gerry

from the grill, place on a platter or serving board. Allow to rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Slice thinly across

the grain and serve with the juice or drippings that have accumulated in the platter.

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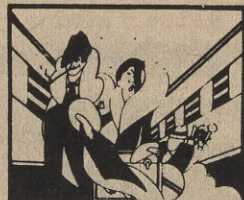
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from the completion of the
meat. Thus, after the meat
has been turned, place the
corn on the grill 10 minutes
before the meat will be fin-
ished. Five minutes later
add the zucchini, and all
will be finished at the same
time. While the meat is
resting, you can serve the
vegetable and a salad.

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